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HEY, MY NAME'S *ANDY MAGUIRE.* AND THAT'S ME, AND THIS IS MY LIFE.

SEE, MY HIGH SCHOOL TOOK A FIELD TRIP TO *HORIZON LABS,* THIS NERD THINK TANK BACK HOME IN NEW YORK. ONE OF THE NERDS, SOME TIGHT-WAD NAMED *PETER PARKER,* RAN AN EXPERIMENT.

IT WENT WRONG, I GOT CAUGHT UP IN IT AND *BOOM!* I HAD *SUPER-POWERS.*

I WAS A *SUPER HERO.* THEY CALLED ME *"ALPHA."* PRETTY AWESOME, RIGHT?

BUT I COULD ONLY USE *ONE* POWER AT A *TIME,* BUT WHATEVER, I WAS *FAMOUS!* I HAD *MONEY,* AND *FRIENDS,* AND *EVERYTHING!*

SO PARKER AND SPIDER-MAN SHUT MY POWERS DOWN. MY MOM LEFT MY DAD AND WE MOVED TO MY GRANDMA'S IN PITTSBURGH.

NOW I'M THE LEAST POPULAR KID IN SCHOOL, SURROUNDED BY *DUNCAN KILGORE* AND *SUSAN "SOUPCAN" RICE,* THE ONLY KIDS LAME ENOUGH TO SIT NEAR ME.

NOT *WITH* ME, *NEAR* ME.

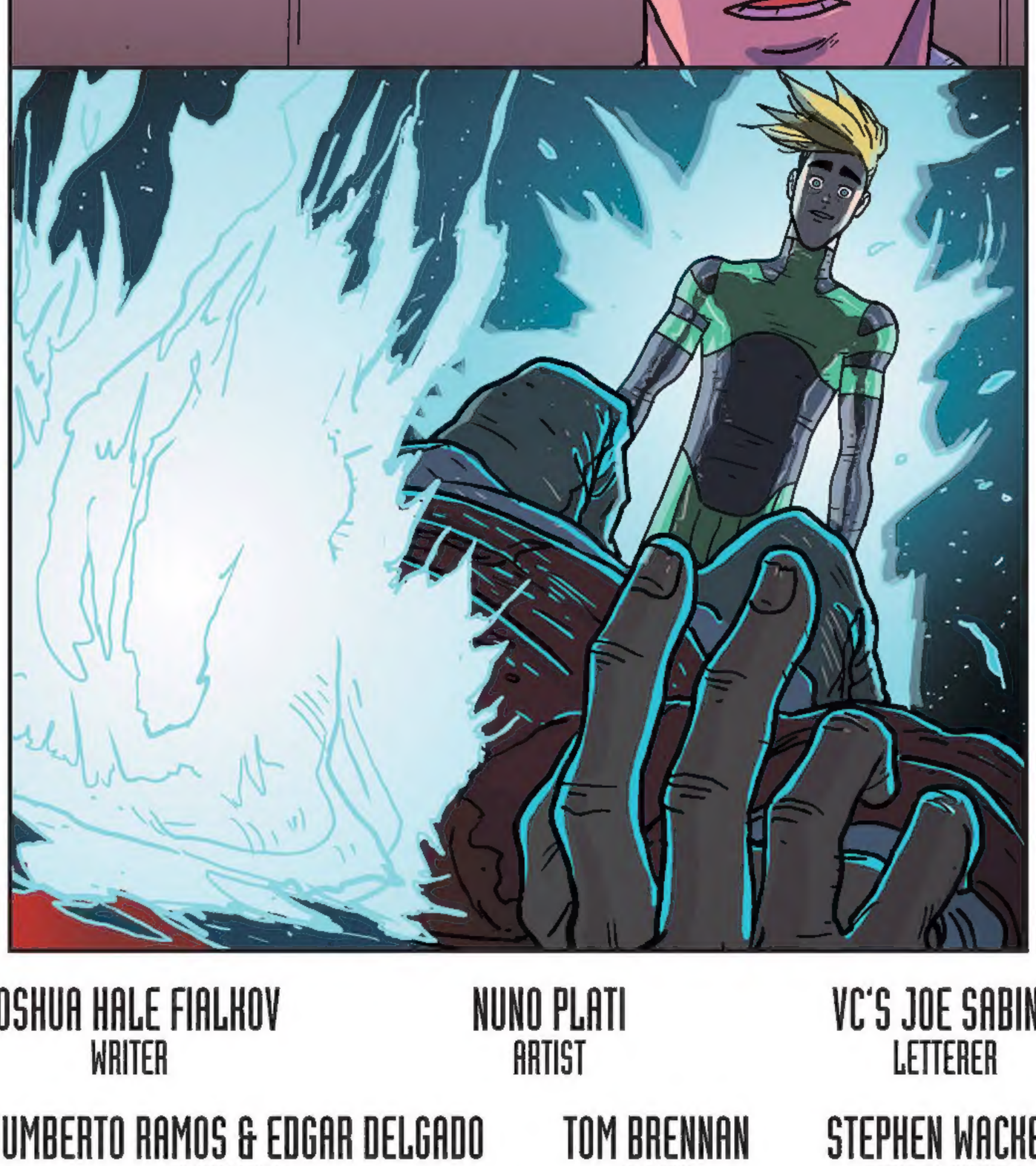
THEN PARKER DECIDED TO HELP TURN MY POWERS BACK *"ON"*--HE'S LIKE AN ENTIRELY *DIFFERENT* PERSON NOW-- AND I'M BACK IN THE SUPER HERO-ING GAME! COOL, RIGHT?

WRONG.

I WAS PROTECTING A GIRL FROM A MUGGER, THREW ONE PUNCH AND... WELL...

I THINK I KILLED A GUY.

SORRY, WE GOT NO *AR* FOR THAT.



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PITTSBURGH, PA.
NOW.

THE SOUND. THAT'S THE PART THAT I CAN'T GET OVER.

I BARELY HIT HIM, AND HIS HEAD JUST--

TH...THANK YOU, ALPHA.

I...I HAVE TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL.

YOU SAVED MY LIFE. HE WOULD'VE...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WOULD'VE *DONE*.

I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO NOW.

I BETTER TAKE YOU WITH ME, THOUGH. MAKE SURE YOU'RE OKAY, TOO.

UH, CRAP, I DON'T THINK YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO MOVE SOMEONE WHO'S GOT, LIKE, A HEAD TRAUMA OR WHAT HAVE YOU.

MY NAME IS

ALPHA

AND I'M PRETTY SURE AFTER ACCIDENTALLY KILLING A MUGGER, I'M *NEVER* GONNA BE...

BIG TIME
PART TWO

ALSO, PETER PARKER IS GOING TO KILL ME.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER

GET NEUROLOGY, PLASTICS, AND ORTHOPEDICS HERE STAT--

YES, DOCTOR--

AND GET THIS IDIOTIC "*HERO*" OUT OF HERE!

WORST. SECOND CHANCE. EVER.

I WAS TRYING TO SAVE THE LADY--

YEAH. WE HEARD.

I'M...GOING TO JAIL, RIGHT?

THEN, WAY I HEARD IT, SOME STRANGE MASKED MAN SAVED A GIRL FROM THIS SUCKO.

SUCKO MUST'VE TRIPPED ON SOMETHIN'.

THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPP--

SURE IS. THEM STREETS IS SLIPPY, Y'KNOW?

NOW YOU BE GOOD, 'KAY? WE GOT WORK TO DO.

I...

UH. THANKS?

WELCOME TO THE 'BURG.

EAT A LOT

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HEY.

WHAT YOU WANT?
OH. HEY. IT'S YOU, RIGHT?
SOUPCAN.
EAT A LOT

ALL THE STUFF IN YOUR FACE--
YEAH, I CAN'T WEAR IT AT WORK.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
UH--
COFFEE?
YEAH. SURE.

EAT A LOT
BE RIGHT BACK.
HUH.
I MEAN... YEAH. SHE'S--
STOP LOOKING AT MY BUTT, DUDE.
SORRY.
BZZZZZZZ
OH, CRAP.
MOM
HEY!
JERK.
SORRY, IN TROUBLE. SEE YOU LATER.

GASP
GASP
I'M HERE! I'M HERE.
HUH?
WHERE'S THE CEREAL?
I LEFT YOU A MESSAGE. PICK UP CEREAL--
OH--I... THOUGHT YOU WERE WORRIED--
YOU'RE A BIG BOY, ANDY. YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
ARE YOU OKAY, MOM?
I'M FINE.

HEY, KID.
HEY, GRANDMA.
CALL ME MONA. GRANDMA MAKES ME SOUND LIKE...
SCREW IT. CALL ME GRANDMA.
YOUR MOM'S GOING THROUGH A LOT. DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY.
YEAH.
I KNOW IT'S HARD RIGHT NOW, TOO...
BUT, TRUST ME, KIDDO, YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE.
STAY OUT ALL NIGHT AGAIN, AND I'LL BREAK YOUR KNEECAPS, Y'DIG?
YES, MA'AM.
GOOD BOY.
NOW GET DRESSED.
YOU HAVE SCHOOL.

I'M JUST SAYING, TRYING TO SAY, THAT THOSE TWO *TOTALLY* DIFFERENT MOVIES TAKING PLACE IN THE *SAME* UNIVERSE IS ABSURD BEYOND WORDS.

I MEAN, THE OTHER ONE WAS WRITTEN BY THE GUY WHO WROTE *RETURN OF THE LIVING DEAD!*

UH... ARE YOU OKAY?

SAY WHAT NOW?

YEAH, I JUST...SOMETHING HAPPENED LAST NIGHT, AND I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO TALK TO--

YOU CAN TALK TO ME.

I DON'T THINK--

THANK YOU, KILGORE.

I...I GOTTA GO.

OKAY. IF YOU WANT TO, LIKE, TALK, OR WATCH A MOVIE OR WHATEVER--

YEAH. THANKS.

I GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE--

WATCH IT!

SORRY.

HEY!

YOU'RE THE GUY WHO STIFFED ME FOR THE COFFEE. I HAD TO PAY FOR IT OUT OF MY TIPS.

WHICH WERE NOT PLENTIFUL.

I...DON'T HAVE ANY CASH ON ME.

FIGURES. YOU KNOW WHAT, DUDE? YOU'RE A GIANT--

STOP!

I WAS JUST A GUY, ALL RIGHT? AND THEN, THIS *STUFF* HAPPENS TO ME, NOT CAUSE I WANTED IT, AND, LIKE, YEAH, OKAY, I WAS A JERK ABOUT IT, BUT--

I JUST WANT THINGS TO BE NORMAL, Y'KNOW?

I BARELY HIT HIM!

I JUST MEANT CAUSE YOU DIDN'T PAY FOR YOUR COFFEE.

OH. YEAH. SORRY.

YOU'RE REALLY ANGRY.

EVERYBODY HATES ME. I'M COMPLETELY ALONE. MY PARENTS DON'T GIVE A CRAP ABOUT ME.

NOBODY UNDERSTANDS WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH.

SO, YEAH.

ANGRY.

YEAH...

YOU'RE PROBABLY THE FIRST PERSON TO *EVER* FEEL THAT WAY EVER.

HEH.

YEAH, PROBABLY.

PAY ME LATER.

YEAH. SORRY.

OKAY

PARKER

HORIZON LABS

CONFESSION

POWERS GONE

HAPPY

MAYBE KISS SOUPCAN.

THAT WAS A WEIRD SENTENCE.

BOOOOOOM

OH, COME ON.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SOME... *THING* CRASHED THROUGH THE WALL, STARTED EATING THE ORE.

ARE THE REST OF THE NEW WARRIORS ON THE WAY, SPEEDBALL?

...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S DO THIS.

KAAAAAAAAA!

UH...OR NOT.

GAH!

TAKE THAT, UH...GIANT GROSS GUY!

I NEED TO BRUSH UP ON MY SUPER VILLAIN NAMES.

SUCK, IT, TRIPLE-G!

I BARELY BROKE A SWEAT--

PLEASE STOP ABSORBING MY ENERGY AND GETTING BIGGER?

OKAY. YOU EAT ENERGY.

OBEY-KABEY. LET'S TRY SOMETHING ELSE.

LET'S SEE HOW THIS GOES.

I'VE BEEN HAVING A TOTALLY CRAP COUPLE OF DAYS. SO, THANKS FOR BEING HERE.

I REALLY NEEDED...

...THIS!

GRAAAAAAAAHHHH!

AND THAT'S HOW I TOTALLY JUST DESTROYED A MONSTER. HOW AWESOME AM I?

I MADE A MISTAKE. THAT'S IT. BUT I CAN DO THIS. I CAN HELP PEOPLE.

I JUST...

I JUST NEED TO CONVINCE PARKER NOT TO TAKE AWAY MY POWERS.

I'M SURE HE'LL UNDERSTAND, I MEAN, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, AND THE GUY WAS A BAD GUY--

HORIZON

HORIZON

I'LL JUST TELL HIM THE TRUTH, AND THEN, Y'KNOW, HE'LL BE--

MAD AS HELL. AND TAKE AWAY MY POWERS. AGAIN.

RUN AWAY. JUST GO. HE'LL NEVER--

UH, I'M HERE FOR PETER PARKER.

JUST A MINUTE. TAKE A SEAT.

HORIZON

HORIZON

Mugger winds up wit
crushed skull in a coma:
Despite serious wounds,
a clumsy mugger who
knocked himslef senselless
will survive to see trial.
will survive to see tria
OH. MY. GOD.
YES. YES. YES.
YES. YES!

ANDY? WHAT'S WRONG--

NOTHING, PETE! JUST SAYING, "HI." FIGHTING MONSTERS, SAVING CITIES. DOING GREAT.

LATER!

OKAY. LEAVE NOW.

WEIRD KID.

AT LEAST YOUR POWERS HAVEN'T KILLED YOU YET.

JUST THE OPPOSITE!

DUDE.

I'M THE GUY WHO, LIKE, UH, STOPPED YOUR *MUGGER-ING*.

I'M...SO SORRY. I DIDN'T *MEAN* TO, LIKE, DO...*THIS*.

I JUST...LIKE, I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH *A LOT*, Y'KNOW? I MEAN, AFTER I PUNCHED *YOU*, I... WELL, I THOUGHT I KILLED YOU.

AND I WAS GOING TO GET RID OF MY POWERS, BUT, YOU'RE *NOT* DEAD, AND I THINK--

YOU WERE *TOTALLY* IN THE WRONG, Y'KNOW?

HERE'S THE THING, DUDE, I DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS GIG, Y'KNOW? I WAS PERFECTLY *HAPPY* SITTING IN THE BACK OF CLASS AND GETTING IGNORED AND BEING *WICKED* GOOD AT HALO.

BUT, Y'KNOW, STUFF *HAPPENED*, AND, YOU WERE THE BAD GUY AND NEEDED TAKEN CARE OF, SO I JUST DID WHAT I HAD TO DO, AND I REALLY JUST *DON'T* WANT TO GO TO JAIL.

I'M GLAD YOU'RE *ALIVE*, AND I'M NOT GOING TO GET IN TROU--

YOU...DID... THIS...

YOU...WILL... PAY...

ALPHA... MUST... SUFFER!

WHA?!

TO BE CONTINUED!

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